Again, on August 27, 1968, a Member said that he did not want to put the question standing in his name. A demand was made by some Members that it should be answered. The then Chairman, V.V. Giri, gave a ruling the next day i.e. 28th August, 1968. I quote the ruling:

"I would, however, also refer to sub-rule (3) of rule 54, to which Shri Raj Narain drew my attention after the Question Hour. This sub-rule provides that if on a question being called it is not put. the Chairman, at the request of any Member, may direct that the answer to it be given. Thus in appropriate cases the Chairman may, on a request by another Member. direct that answer be given to a question even if a Member, who has tabled the question states in the House that he does not want to put the question. I must, however make is clear that this direction from the Chair will be given in exceptional cases only, and not as a matter of course."

The rules on the subject are clear.

AN HON. MEMBER: In exceptional cases. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have something more to add. I have to give my own ruling also.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): The Congress Members want to be more... (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Listen to what the Chairman is saying (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The rules on the subject are clear and are reinforced by precedents in the House. They give discretion to the Chairman to direct that a question be answered in case it is not put or the Member, in whose name it stands, is absent. But, this discretion from the Chair will be exercised in very exceptional cases. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Start laughing now. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHARMAN: Why do you get excited? I also make it clear and urge that a Member whose question is admitted is expected to be present in the Home to put the question unless the Member is unable to do so for unavoidable reasons. Thank you.

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR (Uttar Pradesh): There can't be any unavoidable reasons.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Uttar Pradesh): Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would request you to kindly permit me under exceptional circumstances to put this question and direct the Minister to answer it on the next working day. ..(*Interruptions*)... You gave your ruling the next day.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): You fix a date for this question... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no precedent for that. ..(*Interruptions*).. There should be no discussion on my ruling please.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting answer to unstarred Question 612 given on 9th December, 1994 regarding Awas Sakar Yojana

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): Sir, I lay on the Table a

statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1994 to Unstarred Question 612 regarding Awas Sakar Yojana.

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The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

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(PAPERS, LAID ON THE TABLE)

I. Report and Acvcounts (1993-94 of the Delhi Art Urban Commission New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. (a) Annual Report of the Delhi Urban Art Commission, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, under section 19 of the Delhi Urban Art Commission Act, 1973.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Delhi Urban Art Commission, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub section (4) of section 20 of the Delhi Urban Art Commission Act, 1973.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.

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II (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above

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I. Notification of the Ministry of Welfare

II. Report and Accounts (993-94) of the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MATANG SINH): Madam On behalf of SHRI SITA RAM KESRI: I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Welfare Notification G.S.R. No. 316(E), dated the 31st March, 1995, publishing the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, under sub-section (2) of section 23 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. (*See* No. LT-7437/95]